

MAYOR'S MENTORING INITIATIVE

"We must make our youth a priority. Our youth face so many difficult decisions in today's world. Too many young people are not getting the attention that they need. A mentor gives them a positive adult role model that they can talk to and rely on for advice."

- Mayor Mark Mallory

The Mayor's Mentoring Initiative encourages city employees to become mentors and positive influences in the lives of Cincinnati youth. Caring and dedicated mentors can make an impact on the life of a young person. City employees work everyday to make Cincinnati a better place. They are excellent role models and good candidates to be mentors for the city's youth.

During a Summer 2006 pilot program, 25 city employees stepped up to serve as mentors. This Fall, the Mayor will put the call out to all City employees to participate in a full launch of the initiative.

A young person, who has a strong caring relationship with an adult, is much more likely to become a responsible, productive, and successful adult. Mentors provide youth with emotional support, advice, and guidance with issues that they may not feel comfortable discussing with their parents.

Facts:

Some positive results found in students who have mentors:*

- 46% less likely to use drugs.
- 59 % more likely to get better grades.
- 73% more likely to set higher goals.
- Fewer absences from school and better attitudes towards school.
- Less likely to engage in fighting.
- More likely to have positive attitudes towards their elders.
- Improved relationships with their parents.
- Higher levels of self-esteem and self-confidence.
- More likely to give back to their community, either as a mentor or in other ways.

The Mayor's Office is partnering with the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC) and Cincinnati Public Schools to identify city employees and match them with interested students to develop individual mentoring relationships. CYC develops a schedule of events for mentors and mentees to attend.

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